



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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May 15, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF
GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN
SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE 2012 COMPETITIVE TREE PLANTING
GRANT PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
TO FUND VARIOUS TREE PLANTING PROJECTS
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2012 Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to fund various tree planting projects to replace damaged and lost trees as a result of the San Gabriel Valley Windstorm that occurred in late 2011.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed San Gabriel Valley Windstorm Tree Replacement Projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the projects involve replacement of damaged trees at existing facilities.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the submission of grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2012 Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996. The grant will fund various tree planting projects at County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation facilities to replace damaged and lost trees resulted from the San Gabriel Valley Windstorm that occurred in late 2011. The total grant request for all projects is

\$429,000.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the funds, conduct all negotiations, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, Memorandum of Unrecorded Deed, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for the 2012 Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program. The funds are available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition).

As a result of the San Gabriel Valley Windstorm that occurred in late 2011, the Department suffered devastating tree loss and damage at several of its facilities. This grant program will aid in the recovery efforts to replace these trees. Attachment I details the Department's request of the estimated number of trees and the project cost for each facility.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department is submitting individual grant applications for the 2012 Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program available to the Fifth Supervisorial District. However, the total grant request for the Department is \$429,000. There is \$2.5 million available in the grant program. The minimum grant request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$100,000. Applicants may submit more than one application.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions allow the Department to propose a tree replacement program for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize but is dependent on the final provisions of the grants. The Department will re-evaluate the program and identify any additional operating costs upon acceptance of grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 2012 Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program provides \$2,500,000 of competitive tree replacement grants to those affected by the San Gabriel Valley Windstorm in late 2011. Applications that demonstrate the greatest need to replace trees lost resulting from the recent windstorm will be given priority.

The District requires that the grantee submit an adopted resolution by its governing body authorizing the filing of applications at a duly noticed public meeting. The resolution for the various tree planting

applications is attached.

Pursuant to Section 14 of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A), all Proposition A funded projects shall employ at-risk youth from the community in which the particular project is being carried out to the extent feasible. A Youth Employment Plan will be submitted with the grant application.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter and attached resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed San Gabriel Valley Windstorm Tree Replacement Projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301 and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve replacement of damaged trees at existing facilities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other current projects or services in the San Gabriel Valley area.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR TREE PLANTING GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS FOR
THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WINDSTORM TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said applications contain assurances that the Department must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department and will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for the San Gabriel Valley Windstorm Tree Replacement Projects located at the following locations:

Altadena Golf Course, Arboretum of County of LA, Arcadia Community Regional Park, Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, Eaton Canyon Golf Course, Marshall Canyon Golf Course, Marshall Canyon Tree Farm, and Santa Anita Golf Course.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

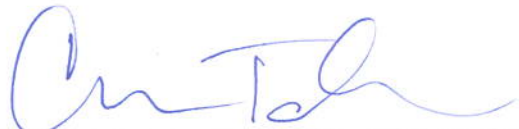
1. Approves the filing of applications with the District for Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above projects; and
2. Certifies that the Department understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Director, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, Memorandum of

Unrecorded Grant Deed, agreements, amendments, and, payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 15 day of May, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
Acting County Counsel

By 
CHRISTINA A. SALSEDA
Principal Deputy County Counsel

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
2012 COMPETITIVE TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM
FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
VARIOUS TREE PLANTING PROJECTS**

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>ESTIMATED NO. OF TREES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED PROJECT COST</u>
Altadena Golf Course ¹ 1456 E. Mendocino St. Altadena	43	\$30,000
Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia	81	\$100,000
Arcadia Community Regional Park 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia	106	\$96,000
Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park ² 120 Via Verde Dr. San Dimas	22	\$41,000
Eaton Canyon Golf Course ¹ 1150 N. Sierra Madre Villa Pasadena	67	\$49,000
Marshall Canyon Golf Course ¹ 6100 N. Stephens Ranch Rd. La Verne	20	\$17,000
Marshall Canyon Tree Farm ² 6550 Stephens Ranch Rd. La Verne	17	\$37,000
Santa Anita Golf Course 405 S. Santa Anita Ave Arcadia	95	\$59,000

¹ One combined application will be submitted for these two golf courses in the amount of \$66,000.

² One combined application will be submitted for these two facilities in the amount of \$78,000.